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CLAIMS

1. A dendrite elongation inhibitor for melanocytes consisting of a compound represented by the following general formula (1):

$$R_1O$$
 OR_5
 OR_6
 OR_6
 OR_7
 OR_8

formula (1)

and/or a salt thereof,

wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and R_6 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl group.

2. The dendrite elongation inhibitor for melanocytes according to claim 1, characterized in that the compound represented by the general formula (1) is Centaureidin indicated by the following formula.

3. A skin preparation for external use for inhibiting elongation of melanocytic dendrites, comprising the dendrite elongation inhibitor for melanocytes according to claim 1 or 2 as

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an active ingredient.

- 4. The skin preparation for external use for inhibiting elongation of melanocytic dendrites according to claim 3, characterized in that the skin preparation for external use is used for alleviating dyschromatosis on which tyrosinase inhibitors have insufficient effect.
- 5. The skin preparation for external use for inhibiting elongation of melanocytic dendrites according to claim 3 or 4, characterized in that the skin preparation for external use is a cosmetic.